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To increase green cover, Noida to plant 10L saplings

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Noida: The district forest department is gearing up for a mega plantation drive to raise the green cover in Gautam Budh Nagar. Under the drive, one million (10 lakh) saplings will be planted across the district in July.

PK Shrivastava, district forest officer, GB Nagar, said, “The department is making elaborate arrangements for the plantation drive. We have six government-run nurseries — three in Dadri, two in Sikkandrabad range and one in Noida — which are preparing the saplings. The plantation drive will start in July.”

The DFO said that different departments like pollution control, block development, revenue, Nagar Palika, Noida Authority, irrigation, farming, electricity, education, traffic and transport have also been given targets for plantation. “The move aims to increase the district’s green cover.”

At present, there are 17 lakh plants/trees in the district. Though there are no thick forests in the district, some 2,000-hectare land is covered under forest.

Efforts are being made by the forest department to increase the green cover in the district that will help in pollution control, officials said.